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TO: SJUSD Employees, Parents, and Community Members

California appears to be headed for a third consecutive dry year in 2009. In fact, the Governor has issued a stage 3 drought emergency in February 2009 based on low annual rainfall and the low moisture content of the snow pack.

The stage 3 drought emergency requires the District to take action to reduce our water consumption by 20%. We may do so by implementing the following conservation measures:

- Watering between the hours of 9:00Am – Noon or 8:00PM and 6:00AM
- Limiting outdoor watering to three days per week
- Report leaks to the District Irrigation Department (M&O) within two days
- Avoid car washes, washing sidewalks (unless for health and safety reason)
- Avoid using recreational plastic pools
- Test and report excessive water pressure
- Install low flow shower heads and kitchen sprayers
- Use compost to retain the moisture in flower beds

The above listed conservation measures stem directly from Sacramento Suburban and Citrus Heights Water districts – two of Sacramento's most progressive. Although SJUSD has approximately 9 water districts within our boundaries and each may have a slightly different take on conservation measures, the 20% reduction applies throughout the Northern California region. The above listed measures are recommendations that will likely work to gain SJUSD compliance with the required 20% reduction. More specifically, limiting our watering to three days per week, programming our sprinkler timers, and reporting and repairing leaks will be the key in our success.

Do your part to help SJUSD comply by reporting waste (overwatering) and leaks. You may do so by completing a work order or contacting Maintenance and Operations Department at 971-7000. The M&O sprinkler shop is available to complete your work order requests and will do so as quickly as possible. In fact, they are working diligently to reprogram and test our sprinklers district-wide to prepare for the watering season.

Lastly, the restriction will remain in place until further notice. Should the drought condition worsen, more information will be provided. For more information, please visit Sacramento Suburban Water District at www.sswd.org or the California Department of Water Resources at <http://www.water.ca.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Don Myers, Senior Director
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